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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 11/21/2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has changed the subject matter of the invention. Applicant has cancelled all claims to the previously claimed subject matter. Applicant had previously claimed a method for stabilizing an aspartate aminotransferase and now applicant is claiming a control substance for clinical laboratory testing. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Meller whose telephone number is 703-308-4230. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday: 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached on 703-306-3220. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-0294 for regular communications and 703-308-0294 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.



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